

Invitation to Bid

North 5th Avenue Watermain Improvements City of St. Charles, IL

Separate sealed bids will be received by the City of St. Charles (herein called Owner) at the Purchasing Manager's Office until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2014, and then publicly opened and read aloud immediately afterwards in the City Council Chambers.

This project consists of the following: replacement of ductile iron watermain with HDPE watermain along North 5th Avenue and with ductile iron watermain along Iroquois Avenue and Allen Lane; testing of all proposed improvements; and restoration of all disturbed areas.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids are expected to be funded in part by a loan from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA). Neither the State of Illinois nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees is or will be a party to this invitation for bids or any resulting contract. The procurement will be subject to regulations contained in the Procedures for Issuing Loans from the Public Water Supply Loan Program (35IAC Part 365), the Davis-Bacon Act (40 USC 276a through 276a-5) as defined by the United States Department of Labor, the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act (30 ILCS 570), and the "Use of American Iron and Steel" requirements as contained in Section 436 of H.R. 3547, The Consolidate Appropriations Act, 2014. This procurement is also subject to the loan recipient's policy regarding the increased use of disadvantaged business enterprises. The loan recipient's policy requires all bidders to undertake specified affirmative efforts at least sixteen (16) days prior to bid opening. The policy is contained in the specifications. Bidders are also required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in 41 CFR 60-4.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, addressed to the City of St. Charles Purchasing Division and shall be labeled "Bid for North 5th Avenue Watermain Replacement." The envelope should bear on the outside the name and address of the Bidder. If mailed, the sealed envelope containing the bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to the City of St. Charles Purchasing Division, 2 East Main Street, St. Charles, IL 60174.

Bids must be made on the required bid form. All blank spaces for bid prices must be filled in, in ink or typewritten, and the bid form must be fully completed and executed when submitted.

The Contract Documents may be inspected and purchased at the following locations: Trotter and Associates, Inc., 40W201 Wasco Road Suite D, St. Charles, IL 60175, Phone 630-587-0470

Copies of the contract documents may be purchased for \$125.00 starting on Friday, May 30, 2014. Payment for contract documents is non-refundable and shall be made payable to Trotter and Associates, Inc. in the form of check or money order. No partial sets of specifications or drawings will be issued.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond, bank draft, cashier's check or certified check payable to the order of City of St. Charles, in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid Price as a guaranty that Bidder will execute the contract if it be awarded in conformity with the bid form.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 9:30 AM on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at the City of St. Charles Public Works Facility, 200 Devereaux Way, St. Charles, IL 60174

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance and Completion Bond and a Payment Bond on forms provided in the Specifications and Contract Documents, in an amount equal to 110 and 100 percent of the contract price, respectively.

Prevailing Wage Rates as defined by the federal Davis-Bacon wage provisions (40 USC 276a through 276a-5) and the Illinois Department of Labor for Kane and DuPage Counties shall apply

to this contract. Rates can be obtained on line at www.wdol.gov and www.state.il.us/Agency/idol/.

Owner expressly reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept the one which appears to be in the best interest of Owner. Owner expressly reserves the right to waive any informalities or technical irregularities in bid, if to do so is in the best interest of Owner.

Award of this Contract is contingent upon Illinois EPA loan approval.

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City of St. Charles